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STATEMENTS

NCSL ENERGY COMMITTEE

In the last interim, Legislative Council designated members of the NCSL Energy Committee were already seated. The Council designated Rep. Joe Quigg as the delegate and Sen. Harry Tweit as alternate. Our apologies.

INTERIM COMMITTEES

Appointing authorities have designated the following legislators to serve on interim committees:

PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE

Senators

Jack Gale
Allen Kolstad
Leo Lane
Ted Neuman

Representatives

Tom Asay
Gay Holladay
Paul Rapp-Svotek
Jim Schultz

INFRASTRUCTURE

Senators

Dave Fuller
Ethel Harding
Ray Lybeck
Cate Story

Representatives

Dorothy Cody
Mike Kadas
Les Kittelman
Jack Ramirez

LIED LAWS

Senators

Chris Christensen
Tom Hager
Mike Halligan
Gene Thayer

Representatives

Bob Braham
Rob Elford
Furt Krueger
John Mercer

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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VO-TECHS AND JOB TRAINING

Senators

Chet Blaylock
Tom Keating
J. D. Lynch
George McCallum

Representatives

Gene Donaldson
Jerry L. Driscoll
Dan Harrington
Dennis Rehberg

LOCATION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Senators

Gary Aklestad
Esther Bengtson
William Farrell
Jack Haffey

Representatives

Paula Darko
Jack Moore
Bob Pavlovich
Robert Thoft

SELECT COMM.
ON HEALTH
INSURANCE FOR
RETIRED
PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES

Senators

Esther G. Bengtson
Ethel Harding
Bill Norman
Gene Thayer

Representatives

Ralph Eudaily
R. Budd Gould
Ray Harbin
Lloyd McCormick

SELECT
COMMITTEE
ON INDIAN
AFFAIRS

Senators

Delwyn Gage
Dick Pinsoneault

Representatives

Marian Hanson
Ramona Howe

WATER
POLICY
COMMITTEE

Senators

Dorothy Eck
Jack Galt
James Shaw
Larry Stimatz

Representatives

Hugh Abrams
Dorothy Bradley
Dennis Iverson
Bob Marks

MT-CANADA
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

The Governor appointed the following executive branch members to the Montana-Western Canadian Provinces Boundary Advisory Committee:

Lt. Governor George Turman, Chairman
Keith Kelly
Gary Fritz
Keith Colbo
Lauren McKinsey

LEGISLATIVE PUBLICATIONS

The History and Final Status of bills and resolutions of the 1985 Legislature was mailed in late June to all legislators and subscribers to the legislative proceedings. If you haven't received your copy, please check with the Legislative Council. Others who wish to purchase a copy may do so at a cost of \$15.

A new Interim Directory of Legislative Committees is being compiled as quickly as appointments are made. Look for it toward the end of July. It will provide you with complete rosters and summaries of duties of all interim legislative committees.

LEGISLATIVE MAIL

Are you receiving your legislative mail where you want to receive it? Be sure to notify the legislative agencies of any change of address for your mail.

REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

JUNE 7
MEETING
HELD

The Revenue Oversight Committee held its second meeting of the interim on June 7 in Helena. Items considered at the meeting included the adoption of a study plan for the study requested under Senate Joint Resolution 14; discussion of the study requested in House Bill No. 704; other studies to be considered by the Committee during the 1985-86 interim; the implications of the U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding the taxation of royalty payments to the Blackfeet Tribe; and a request by the Montana Beer and Wine Wholesalers through the Administrative Code Committee for the Department of Revenue to prepare an economic impact statement for an administrative rule being proposed by the Department.

The issue commanding the most attention during the meeting was the situation of motor vehicle fees, i.e., the additional fees adopted in HB 870 and in SB 142 and the unintended consequences of repealing the inflation adjustment to the basic vehicle license fee. The discussion of this issue culminated in the unanimous adoption of a motion to request that a special session of the Legislature be called to rectify the situation.

The next meeting of the Revenue Oversight Committee will be September 6, in Helena.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

ACTING
AUDITOR
APPOINTED

At its meeting on June 28, The Legislative Audit Committee appointed Scott Seacat as Acting Legislative Auditor, effective July 1. Legislative Auditor Robert Ringwood has retired. The Committee set the following schedule for the search for a new Legislative Auditor:

- July 3 through July 21 - Advertise the position
- July 26 - Deadline for applications to be postmarked or received
- July 31 - Committee will meet to review applications; select finalists
- August 23 (tentative) - Interview finalists; offer position

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

RESULTS OF
JUNE 29
MEETING

The Administrative Code Committee met on Saturday, June 29. The Committee considered a recommendation from the Revenue Oversight Committee that the ACC request an economic impact statement on a Department of Revenue Liquor Division rule concerning storage of beer and wine. The affected parties reported to the Committee that they had resolved the issue and would recommend that the Department not adopt the portion of the rule affecting them. The result would be no economic impact, so the Committee deferred action on the Revenue Oversight Committee's request.

The Committee also received a report from the Department on the suit filed by the Montana Tavern Owners' Association challenging the Department's emergency rules regulating video draw poker machines.

The Committee discussed with the Secretary of State's Office the centralized agricultural lien filing fees and the conversion to the centralized system.

CONCERN WITH
EMERGENCY
RULES

The Committee reviewed the incidence of emergency rulemaking since the session. The Committee is concerned about the increased use of emergency rules, and voted to send agencies an advisory memorandum on the use of emergency rules. The Committee intends to review the use of emergency rules over the interim.

DO YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS?

The Committee would like to remind legislators that if they have any questions or concerns with agency rules,

they should feel free to contact any member of the Committee or its staff for assistance. The Committee is continuing its practice of sending the prime sponsor of legislation a copy of rules proposed to implement the legislation.

NEXT
MEETING

The Committee plans to hold its next meeting in early September.

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

U.S.-CANADIAN
COOPERATION

The Task Force recently met jointly with the Government of British Columbia, the B.C. Ministry of Forests, and industry representatives to begin to explore ways to continue and expand cooperative efforts to find solutions to forest problems and to develop programs in the areas of common interest. B.C. Forests Minister Tom Waterland will actively participate in the planning and execution of an October meeting of the Task Force to be held in Coeur d'Alene. Senator Elmer Severson is Task Force Chairman.

COAL TAX OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SET

Friday, July 12, at 9 a.m. has been chosen as the time for the first meeting of the 1975-80 interim. Room 198 of the Capitol will be the meeting place.

Members are Senators R. F. Christiaens and John Anderson and Representatives Bob Ream and Dennis Nathe. Nonvoting liaison from the Revenue Oversight Committee are Senator Thomas E. Towe and Representative Gerry Devlin.

FULL AGENDA

After electing its chairman, the subcommittee will hear reports from the State Library and the Department of Commerce on use of coal tax funds, from the Office of Budget and Program Planning on coal tax revenue projections, from the Governor's office on the implementation of the "New Coal Production Incentive Tax Credit Act," and from the Department of Commerce on implementation of HB 812 that created the Science and Technology Development Board.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JULY 12
MEETING
PLANNED

The Legislative Council will meet July 12. At the meeting, the Council will interview applicants for the position of Director of Legal Services. Bob Pyfer left the Council July 1 after nine years of service to

assume a position with a private organization. The Council will choose a successor to Bob from applicants with prior experience with the Council.

5-STATE
CONFERENCE

Allocating budgets to interim committees will also be on the Council agenda as will designating members of the Legislature to attend the 5-State Conference scheduled for October 2-4 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

CAPITOL BUILDING AND PLANNING

JULY 19
MEETING

The Capitol Building and Planning Committee will meet Friday, July 19, at 10 a.m. in Room 108 of the Capitol. To be considered is permission to display a memorial to Lee Metcalf inside the new DNRC building and whether to pursue any of three possible additional Capitol renovation projects this interim. Possible projects include roof insulation, window repair or replacement, and new carpet in the House.

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

SATURDAY

FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

SUNDAY

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*ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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